

SITUATION REPORT NO. 12
INCIDENT NO. 96-37
DATE: April 26, 1996 **TIME: 9:00 a.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued regarding Devils Lake, incident #96-01.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The Red River crested at 42.3 feet in Drayton, 10.3 feet above flood stage, while it continues to rise at Pembina. The river level is 50.7 feet at Pembina, and is predicted to crest at 52 feet on April 28. Flood stage is 42 feet.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service estimates 300,000 acres of agricultural land are flooded in Pembina County.

Snowmelt water from Canada is causing rises in the Pembina River. The river is cresting again at 12.1 feet at Walhalla; 1.1 feet above flood stage. At Neche, the Pembina River is 20.3 feet; flood stage is 18 feet. The Pembina River is predicted to crest again at 21.5 to 22 feet at Neche on April 27.

Flood waters isolated Bowesmont, a small town of about 25 residents in Pembina County.

Walsh County officials closed an additional 16 sections of county and township roads because of flooding along the Red River.

The Sheyenne River receded at Valley City to 16.1 feet, but remains three feet above flood stage. The river is cresting this morning at 17.3 feet at Lisbon, 6.3 feet over flood stage. The crest of 22 to 22.5 feet is expected to reach Kindred on April 30. The current level is 19.7 feet, 3.7 feet over flood stage.

Reservoirs at Lake Ashtabula and Jamestown Dam remain at extremely high levels.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The Salvation Army reports 9,000 incidents of service throughout the state, including providing beverages and meals, counseling, and emergency lodging. The organization is currently providing lodging for 18 individuals from Pembina County. The Salvation Army stationed two canteens and a mobile command post at Pembina. The organization equipped its mobile command post with ham radios and a cellular telephone for emergency communications. The Salvation Army sent an emergency trailer to the Valley City area.

Flood waters are preventing the American Red Cross (ARC) from conducting home damage assessment along the Red River, from Manvel to the Canadian border. ARC has 33 individual assistance cases to date.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Walsh County officials used a boat to deliver kerosene, drinking water and food to one family isolated by the Red River flood water. The emergency management office has worked closely with first responders to identify the best routes for emergency response.

In Grand Forks, the Point Bridge was re-opened on April 24. Grand Forks is preparing sandbag cleanup plans as the level of the Red River there continues its downward trend.

The Pingree City Council issued a disaster declaration on April 22.

The Sheridan County Commission issued a disaster declaration on April 24.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Winter-like weather on Thursday occurred in northeastern North Dakota. Conditions included cold temperatures, gusty winds, one-half inch of rain, and up to three inches of snow.

Signed _____
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State Director